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In the Claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, only claims 28 and 32 have been further amended in response to the Notice dated August 15, 2000. Please amend the claims as follows:

28. (Amended) A support post for mounting a guardrail thereon as part of a highway guardrail system comprising:

an elongated body having a first portion and a second portion arranged in a substantially collinear relationship;

a frangible connection for coupling the first portion with the second portion, the frangible connection including a rotatable coupling assembly disposed between the first portion and second portion of the elongate body; and

the frangible connection adapted to be oriented relative to [the] a guardrail [whereby] such that an impact with one end of [the] a guardrail coupled to the support post will tend to buckle the support post and the support post will resist [a rail face] an impact with a railface of [the] a guardrail coupled to the support post.

*Sub 1 to > 13 3/4.* (Amended) A support post for mounting [to] a guardrail thereon as part of a highway guardrail system, comprising:

a first elongated member having first and second ends, with the first end of the first member being structured and arranged to couple to the adapted to receive a guardrail;

a second elongated member having first and second ends, with the first end of the second member being [structured and arranged to be inserted] insertable into the ground adjacent to a roadway;

one of the second ends having a [pair of first flanges] first bracket with a generally U-shaped configuration extending therefrom, the first flanges